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IMMUNIZATION UPDATES - February 2011
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1. British Medical Journal Editorial on Wakefield's Fraudulent Autism Article

The British Medical Journal on Wakefield's Fraudulent Autism Article provides a summary of the history of the events taken place and applauds Brian Deer for his diligence in proving that the Wakefield's paper was a fraud. BMJ states, "Deer unearthed clear evidence of falsification. He found that not one of the 12 cases reported in the 1998 Lancet paper was free of misrepresentation or undisclosed alteration, and that in no single case could the medical records be fully reconciled with the descriptions, diagnoses, or histories published in the journal."

<http://www.bmj.com/content/342/bmj.c7452.full>

2. MMWR: Updated General Recommendations on Immunization by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

The January 28, 2011 Vol. 60 edition of the MMWR, reports on the revision of the General Recommendations on Immunization and updates the 2006 recommendations by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Noteworthy revisions include:

- Revisions of the tables of contraindications and precautions

- Stricter criteria for selecting an appropriate storage unit for vaccines
- Additional guidance for maintaining the cold chain in the event of unavoidable temperature deviations
- Updated revisions for vaccination of patients who have received a hematopoietic cell transplant.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6002a1.htm?s_cid=rr6002a1_w

3. Updated ACIP Recommendations for Use of Tdap Vaccine

Despite continued efforts, pertussis remains poorly controlled in the United States. On 14 Jan 2011, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) published updated recommendations for the expanded use of the Tdap vaccine. Some of the changes include:

- Adolescents (aged 11 through 18) should receive a single dose of Tdap, preferably at the 11 to 12 year-old preventive health-care visit.
- Tdap can be administered regardless of interval since the last tetanus or diphtheria-toxoid containing vaccine.
- Those 65 years and older who have close contact with an infant aged less than 12 months should receive a single dose of Tdap.
- Children aged 7 to 10 years of age not fully vaccinated against pertussis and for whom no contraindication to pertussis vaccine exists should receive a single dose of Tdap. Those never vaccinated or who have unknown vaccination status should receive a series of three vaccinations containing tetanus and diphtheria toxoids. The first of these three doses should be Tdap.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6001a4.htm?s_cid=mm6001a4_w

4. MMQC 11-1009/1030/1035: TRIAD Group Alcohol Pad Recall

Due to concerns about a potential contamination of their products the Triad Group, initiated a voluntary product recall involving all lots of their manufactured alcohol prep pads, alcohol swabs, and alcohol swab sticks. The potentially contaminated products were distributed nationwide and can be identified by either "Triad Group", listed as the manufacturer, or the products are manufactured for a third party and use the names listed in the MMQC message below. Additional recall items may also be included in medical kits and trays. Contact your logistics department for additional information

For a listing of third party manufactures and to view full text:

http://usamma.detrick.army.mil/ftp/mmqc_messages/Q111009.txt

5. Current Issues in Immunization NetConference (CIINC)

February 3, 2011 the CDC will host the first Net Conference of 2011. The conference will cover the 2011 Recommended Immunization Schedules for all ages. William Atkinson, MD, MPH, and Abigail Shefer, MD, from the CDC will be the guest speakers.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/ciinc/default.htm>

6. ANA Immunization Nurse Nominations

To acknowledge nurses important role in helping to promote immunizations, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Nurses Association (ANA) are proud to introduce the ANA Immunity Award. This award honors nurses who have excelled in their nursing role as an advocate, educator, and leader within the field of immunizations. The ANA Immunity Award will honor a new nurse each month through the end of September 2011.

You can nominate yourself or a colleague for the ANA Immunity Award by sending in a completed nomination by the 10th of each month to immunize@ana.org

<http://www.anaimmunize.org/immunityaward>

7. MILVAX Training Opportunities

Immunization Basic Course

Camp Shelby, MS
24 Feb 11

Ramstein, Germany
28 Feb 11

Fort Meade, MD
16 Mar 11

Camp Foster, Okinawa
29 Mar 11

<http://www.vaccines.mil/ibc>

Immunization Leaders Course

Ramstein, Germany
1-3 Mar 11

Camp Foster, Okinawa
30 Mar - 1 Apr 11

<http://www.vaccines.mil/ilc>

For a complete description of all the courses offered by MILVAX please see the MILVAX website and check out the many education opportunities that are available within Immunization University.

<http://www.vaccines.mil/training>

8. Upcoming Conferences

Clinical Vaccinology Course
Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL
4-6 Mar 2011

<http://www.nfid.org/conferences/course311/>

Armed Forces Public Health Conference
Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, Virginia
18-25 Mar 2011

<https://usaphcapps.amedd.army.mil/afphc/>

National Immunization Conference
Hilton Washington Hotel, Washington, DC
28-31 Mar 2011

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/nic/default.htm>

World Vaccine Congress
Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center, Washington DC
11-14 Apr 2011

<http://www.terrapinn.com/conference/world-vaccine-congress-washington/>

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<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/ciinc/default.htm>

9. Crossword Puzzle: Test your immunization knowledge!

<http://www.vaccines.mil/crossword>

Military Vaccine Agency

<http://www.vaccines.mil>

<http://www.smallpox.mil>

<http://www.anthrax.mil>

(877)GET-VACC

<mailto:vaccines@amedd.army.mil>

Please feel free to pass this message on to your colleagues. To add or remove your name from this mailing list, please click here --

<http://www.vaccines.mil/ContactUs>